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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1653

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, MR

SUBJECT: POLISARIO ATTACKS LOCATIONS IN EASTERN MAURITANIA

1. SPANISH DIPLOMAT TOLD EMB. OFF JULY 8 THAT POLISARIO ATTACKED TICHIT (1828N & 0930W) ON JULY 5. ONE MEMBER OF GIRM SECURITY FORCE WAS REPORTEDLY KILLED AND SIX WERE WOUNDED. DURING NIGHT OF JULY 7 POLISARIO LAUNCHED MORTAR ATTACK ON TIDJIKDJA (1833N & 1125W). DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE NOR IS IT KNOWN WHETHR POLISARIO UNIT THAT ATTACKED TICHIT IS SAME ONE THAT ATTACKED TIDJIKDJA.

2. EXPATRIATE AIR MAURITANIE EMPLOYEE TOLD US THAT AIR MAURITANIE DC-3 DEPARTED NOUAKCHOTT AT 0200 JULY 7 LOADED WITH GIRM TROOPS IN BATTLE GEAR. DESTINATION WAS TIDJIKDJA AND TICHIT. SECOND SPECIAL MILITARY FLIGHT FOR TIDJIKDJA AND TICHIT WAS SET UP  
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FOR LATE MORNING OF JULY 7 ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT CONFIRMED IF FLIGHT

ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE. WE WERE INFORMED TODAY THAT MAURITANIAN AIR FORCE DEFENDER AIRCRAFT IS DOWN IN TIDJIKDJA WITH TWO BULLETT HOLES IN GAS TANK. PLANE CAN NOT BE FLOWN FROM TIDJIKDJA UNTIL REPAIRS ARE MADE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR IF ATTACKS AT TICHIT AND TIDJIKDJA ARE ISOLATED INCIDENTS OR WHETHER THEY ARE HARBINGER OF STEPPED UP OLISARIO ACTIVITY IN EASTERN MAURITANIA. NOR DO WE HAVE GOOD IDEA OF MAGNITUDE OF THESE TWO ATTACKS. ONLY AMERICAN IN EASTERN MAURITANIA, PCV BOOTH WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO TIDJIKDJA, WAS CALLED BACK TO NOUAKCHOTT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BY PC/EMBASSY.

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